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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT: Standby CORONA Satellites

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CORONA satellite mission 9064 reverted to R-7 status on 2 April 1964 and will hold in that status until approximately 20 April. On that date, the launch pad must be recommitted to ARGON mission 9065A in response to the USIB requirement for a May launch of that mission. Aside from that consideration mission 9064 could remain in R-7 status for a much longer time.

From 30 April onward, the currently expected availability of assets permits sustaining a launch rate of one CORONA J per month with simultaneous backup by a CORONA-J or M on R-7 status, aside from unpredictable misfortunes. This situation also exists from now until the 20 April date mentioned in paragraph 1. Between 20 and 30 April CORONA-J mission 1005 is scheduled to launch on the 24th and CORONA-J mission 1006 is scheduled to reach R-7 status on 30 April.

The above activities are in addition to scheduled ARGON, SIGINT, and weather satellite operations during the coming summer.

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